**Heterosexual Privileges, J. Clarence Flanders**

**1**. I can play a gay or straight fictional character on television or film without a negative response from viewers.

**2**. I feel comfortable holding hands with my partner in public.

**3**. As a child growing up I am presented with figures of my orientation, in cartoons, children’s book, and family movies.

**4**. As a child it is assumed that I will grow up to be heterosexual (Homosexuals must “become” gay and “come out of the closet”).

**5**. When it comes to information about safer sex and sexual health I do not have great difficulty finding that information, particularly in an educational setting.

**6**. I can feel comfortable talking about my sexual practices with the majority of my peers.

**7**. Growing up I have an ample supply of role models I can look up to.

**8**. Even if I am part of a social minority group (specifically ethnic or religious) I will have role models of my orientation to look up to.

**9**. My orientation is accepted by all mainstream religions and all governments.

**10**. My relationship is recognized and rewarded by all mainstream religions and governments.

**11**. I can find adult entertainment on television for me to watch which features my orientation.

**12**. My assumed sexual practices as a heterosexual are accepted by society.

**13**. I don’t have trouble finding people like me to hang-out with.

**14**. Whenever someone meets me in public they assume I am heterosexual.

**15**. If am I ever brought up in the media there is never an issue with my orientation.

**16**. Historical figures of my orientation never have their orientation neglected, omitted, or disputed from their historical legacy.

**17**. My heterosexuality is not an aspect of my life, or a lifestyle, just a fact about myself.

**18**. Whenever I go out in public I can be sure that I am not the only person of my orientation.

**19**. I will not feel stupid if I assume someone is of my orientation, even if they are not.

**20**. In public I feel safe as the majority.

**21**. I can assume that I will not be assaulted because of my sexuality.

**22**. People will not make fun or ridicule me because of my sexual orientation.

**23**. I know that when the mainstream media makes reference to men or women, they are referring to men and women of my orientation, unless specifically mentioned as homosexual men and women.

**24**. I can turn on the television or open the pages of any mainstream newspaper and see my orientation represented in a positive light.

**25**. I know when people of my orientation are rewarded it is not because of their sexual orientation.

**26**. I can be sure that children of my orientation will be given curricular materials of their orientation.

**27**. I can be sure people of my orientation do not have to worry about heterophobia in society.

**28**. I know that children and teens of my orientation will have teachers that will be tolerable and accepting of their orientation, as well as employers, doctors, etc.

**29**. I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my orientation.

**30**. I am not expected to be a representation of my orientation.

**31**. If I declare that there is sexual orientation prejudicial situation at hand my orientation will lend me more creditability than a person of one of the other orientations.

**32**. I can choose to ignore the writings or materials of people of other sexual orientations, and there be no negative consequences.

**33**. I can worry about homophobia and not be seen as self-interested or self-seeking.

**34**. If my day, week, or year is going badly I don’t have to wonder if it is so because of issues relating to my orientation.

**35**. I can think over many options: social, political, imaginative, or professional, without wondering whether or not a person of my orientation will be accepted, or even allowed.

**36**. I can be open about my sexuality on the Internet (Myspace, Facebook, or other social networking sites; or other things online) and not worry about any possible repercussions.

**37**. I can be sure that if I need legal or medical assistance my orientation will not work against me.

**38**. I will never experience of social rejection, such as a fraternity, social club, or family, because of my orientation.

**39**. I can expect figurative language and imagery in all of the arts to reflect my orientation, in a positive light.

**40**. I can safely display my affection for my partner or openly speak about my sexual orientation wherever I travel.

**41**. I don’t have to tailor my travel plans to consider my orientation.

**42**. My orientation is not topic or discussion for politicians.  
**43**. I will never have to specifically seek out heterosexual establishments to be around others like me.

**44**. I will never have my heterosexuality used for a reason not to feel comfortable living with me, being on an athletic team, or being assigned to the same group project for a class assignment.

**45**. I will never have to think about how my orientation will affect me while I am in school.

**46**. I do not have to explain how or why I am heterosexual, or when I realized that I was.

**47**. I can display photos of my partners on my desk without fear or embarrassment.

**48**. People do not assume that I am experienced in sex, because of my sexual orientation.

**49**. People do not ask me why I made my choice to be public about my sexual orientation.

**50**. I am not accused of being abused, warped or psychologically confused because of my sexual orientation; and thus a potential danger to others.

**51**. I did not grow up with games that attack my sexual orientation (i.e., Fag Tag or Smear the Queer).

**52**. I am never asked to speak for everyone who is heterosexual.

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